



## GHARAUNDA VIKASAARTH RAINBOW HOME

# Newsletter

Nov. 2021– May 2022

### General Status of Children;

Seven new children were enrolled in the Home in the reporting period namely, Radha Priyanka, Rupa, Ansu, Muskan and Anjali. These children identified by the Social Mobilizer, come from slum areas of LCT Ghat, Ramjichak and Kurji in Patna north. None of them were admitted in school and found engaged in rag picking work. The new children were welcomed in the home by the children's welcome committee in the presence of all team members and presented with the welcome kit that consists of all items of daily use. Now, based on their age and learning outcome, 4 of them have been admitted in 1, 3 and 5 classes of the local school. The remaining 3 could not be admitted because they did not have Aadhar Card (UID). The home team has applied for the Card and it will be received shortly.

Therefore, presently there are 50 children enrolled in the Rainbow Home whereas 25 children who were earlier residing in the Home have been reintegrated with their families. However, a close contact is being maintained with these 25 children for their educational and personal development need, which is provided in the form of regular guidance and appropriate linkages.

### Activities

#### Health & Nutrition

There are only four children who are underweight. Their names are displayed in the kitchen. So that special care can be taken regularly. Underweight children are provided one glass of milk and an egg daily so that their health can be improved. They were also examined by the physician during the health camp. He mentioned that there is no serious problem but if they do not improve in another 2-3 months they should be taken for further investigation. The concerned team member has taken note of it.

During these 6 months, none of them were infected by any major disease. Some children had common illnesses like- headache,



stomach-ache, fever, leg pain, ear pain, toothache, etc. for all these ailments medicines were provided in consultation with the local medical practitioners.

In the month of April, a dental check-up camp was organized by 'Dream Smile Dental Care' Patna. In this camp dental check-up of 45 children was conducted. The teeth of 5 children were not found healthy so they were advised for proper cleaning and were provided with toothpastes and mouth wash liquid. There was a cavity in the teeth of one girl, who was advised for treatment. She was later taken to a dental hospital where she had to undergo RCT (root canal treatment). Now she is perfectly fine. In the latter part, some specific tips for dental health were shared to individual children.

Additionally, on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022 a Health check-up camp was organized by Dr. Shравan Kumar through Usha Poly Clinic Patna for home children. 44 children who were present on that day underwent the checkup. Dr Shравan was satisfied with the health status of the children as no major health issue among children came up. At the end of the event Dr Shравan elaborated on the precautionary measures that children need to take as we are still not free from fear of Corona.

## Education

The schools have reopened after a long gap due the lockdown in view of the Covid -19 pandemic. However, the home team members have continued providing regular classes to the children. There are some other external supports like Bhoomi is providing online classes to the children of classes class VI to IX for Mathematics and English weekly for 2 days. Bhumi is also providing online classes for classes class VI to VIII weekly two days for Computer. Agastya Foundation also provides online coaching to children of class VIII and IX for a couple of months in science. Anil Sir and Asha Ma'am is teaching Mathematics and Science for class X through zoom. Initially, in the reporting period the online classes through *Mera Doordarshan Mera Vidyalaya* ('My TV channel, My School', a live class telecasted during lockdown by Department of Education, Government of Bihar and *Doordarshan*, the Government's TV channel) was accessed by children in the home. Of late a volunteer group of Patna known as 'Being Social' has selected seven children of class XI and XII for a certificate course on computers (DCA). They are being provided this 6-month training course at 'Charlie Computer Centre' at no cost.



There were 7 children in bridge course and 3 new children have has joined in bridge course. Apart from classes they are being provided motivational support by the team so that they join the mainstream as soon as possible.

## Future Program

In order to help the children of 15-18 years age group set their goals of their life, the **Udaan Workshop** was organised on 16th December 2021 in Ghar Angan Resort, Patna. Parminder ji from National Office of Rainbow Home Program led the process of goal setting exercise and provided important tips to make a forward looking and realistic life plan that consists of Education Plan; Career Plan and Living Plan. He opined; whatever children want to become in future should be decided in advance. Workshop sessions were found very interesting and motivating by the participants. The workshop also provided opportunity for children to learn from each other and also enjoy the togetherness.



## Scholarships:

In the month of December 2021, 9 children from Gharaunda Home got Savitri Bai Phule Unnati Scholarship constituted by Rainbow Home Program. Parents of these children also participated in this meeting. With this scholarship, one child will get a laptop, 3 children will be supported for job placement, 4 will take coaching classes for class 12<sup>th</sup> and one child will get support for vocational course.



## Life Skills

During these 6 months, 27 Life Skill Sessions have been taken by the team members in with two groups on topics such as; self-confidence, self-awareness, the art of appreciation, me-my friend, when I am sixteen and value mall. It has been observed that as a result of these sessions, the children are finding new ways of thinking and problem solving, being more responsible, building confidence both in spoken skills and making collective efforts. Also, they are developing a greater sense of self-awareness and appreciation for others.



Another life skill session was held at Rajbanshi Nagar which was facilitated by a volunteer, Priya Raju. In which children were told about assertive and non-assertive aspects of personality through roleplay. The children were reminded that if they come across any persecution, they should not be afraid, they have to face it boldly and lead a life full of positivity. In the workshop elder children shared their experiences with younger children by sharing what they feel should be discussed.

## Extra-Curricular Activities

### Art & Crafts

Children are being taught Music & Dance taught by Ninad Organisation. Currently 5 children are taking weekly classes on classical Indian Dance known as *Katthak*. They have learned a form of dance known as *Guru Vandana*. These children will also appear for the certificate course from Prayag University, Allahabad.



On February 25, 2022 a **Painting competition** was organised by Bihar Police at Mithlesh Stadium in Phulwarisharif, Patna. The topics of painting were Child Marriage and Liquor ban. In which 10 children from home participated. All the children did well, Anjali's painting on Child Marriage was much appreciated. She won a medal and got certificate.



### Sports & Games

Children practiced Karate, a self-defence skill on a regular basis in the home. Besides this, physical exercise, yoga is also performed on a regular basis in the home that are led by senior children of the Home. Recently, 11 Children from Gharaunda Vikasaarth Rainbow Home participated in a district level Karate Championship of Patna in which 2 children got gold medal, 3 children got silver medal and rest 6 got bronze medals. Children received medals from Patna Mayor Smt. Sita Sahu.

Children from Home have also been part of NCC (National Cadet Corps) from school. Currently, 3 children of Class X namely, Juli, Tanisha and Madhu are part of NCC in their school and they have been provided the NCC uniform. Two of them Tanisaha and Juli have also been selected for a 10-day residential training by NCC.





## Celebrations and Festival

**Constitution Day:** Constitution Day, also known as "National Law Day", is celebrated in India on 26 November every year to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India. On 26 November 1949, the Constituent Assembly of India adopted the Constitution of India, and it came into effect on 26 January 1950. Team members explained that it took 2 years, 11 months, 18 days to make the constitution of India. Dr. Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar is known as Father of constitution as he was the driving force behind its preparation.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021, Children celebrated **our First President's birthday**. Children were shown a movie. In that movie, the life journey of Dr Rajendra Prasad was shown. He was a resident of Jiradei village. He was a well-known scholar man. Children need to learn from his life.

### **Christmas Day:**

On 25<sup>th</sup> December 2021 Children celebrated Christmas Day. Children assembled in the hall cut the cake and exchanged gifts and had fun. They were told that Christmas is celebrated to remember the birth of Lord Jesus Christ,



### **New Year Celebration**

Children celebrated New year in the home. They decorated the home and put on beautiful clothes. In the event, they played games, sang song. Both the younger and elder Children enjoyed together. Special food was prepared for Children. The New year was Celebrated with great pomp and show wishing each other for a safe and healthy year ahead.



### **Birthday of Savitri Bai Phule**

On 03.01.2022 Children celebrated birthday of Savitri Bai Phule. Children were told through a movie that she was first woman teacher of India and how she struggled in work life. Later, the children delivered speech related to her biography. In the process even the younger children also got information. Savitri Bai Phule was an inspiration for all of us.

### **Birthday of Neta ji**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> January, Children celebrated Neta ji Subhash Chandra Bose's Birthday. Team members shared with the Children that Neta ji was a great freedom fighter. He was born on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1897 in Cuttack (Odisha). His father's name was Jankinath Bose and his mother's name was Prabhawati Bose. His education was from Cambridge university. He died on 18 August 1945 in Taiwan.

### **Celebration of Makar Sankranti**

On 14th January, 2022 Children celebrated Makar Sankranti. This festival is celebrated all over the country every year on the same date on the occasion of harvest of winter crop. Sankranti' here means 'transfer', this day is considered as the transition day of Sun into Capricorn. Children enjoyed delicacies prepared of rice and sesame along with lots of vegetables and curd.

## **Birthday Celebrations**

Birthday celebrations of children are organised every month in the Home by the children themselves. Children decorated the home very nicely. They prepared a stage to perform the event. Birthday children were called on the stage to cut the cake. All sang the birthday song and team members wished for their bright future. After cutting the cake children performed dance, solo song, group dance, cracked jokes and younger kids also recited poems. Special food was prepared in the home. All children performed dance on different songs like some gave solo performance and some performed in the groups. All of them enjoyed a lot, they were so happy at the end of the program. They were greeted by all children and team members on this auspicious day.

## **Women's Day**

This year Women's Day on 8<sup>th</sup> March was celebrated in a slum area in Patna. The Project In-charge, Sunita Singh; Home Manager Coordinator, Ranju Kumari and Shazia Shamim, Social Mobilizer went to a slum area known as Jaggi Colony, Daud Bigha, Naya Tola in Eastern Patna (there are few children in the home from this area). A detail discussion on status of children's health, education and their livelihoods in the slum was held and they were told about the benefits of children's education and preventive health measures. On this occasion drawings and paintings on the theme of Women's liberation and importance of this day was displayed. The women of the locality also shared their views on need of better living conditions and working together for emancipation of girl children.



## **Foundation Day**

Children celebrated the foundation day of home on 9<sup>th</sup> March. It was home's 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Children along with the home team decorated the home with ribbons and balloons. They lighted candles, cut ribbon, performed dances and songs. They played a lot of games and enjoyed the whole event.



**Holi: -**

On 18.03.2022 & 19.03.2022 Children celebrated the festival of Holi. It was two-day festival. Holika Dahan (a ritual observed on the eve of the Holi festival) was celebrated on the first day. Second day, they played Holi with colours & Gulal. Special food was served on this day. They celebrated the festival with great enthusiasm and happiness.



**Bihar Divas:** Children celebrated Bihar Divas on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 in the Home. Children made painting and delivered speeches on glory of Bihar in the Home in front of all the home children. Seven children were selected for dance performance in the State's grand function that was organized at Gandhi Maidan of Patna.

They also celebrated *Vishwa Jal Sanrakshan Divas* (World Water Conservation Day) as well, which comes on the same day.



**Republic Day:** Children celebrated 73<sup>rd</sup> Republic Day of our country. On this day, the Indian Constitution came into effect. The Constituent Assembly meant to draft the constitution of India. The children as usual participated in the flag hoisting ceremony celebrated in their respective schools. The Principal of the Anisabad School hoisted the National flag and the children from home led the singing of National Anthem and other national songs in the event.





### **Eid-Ul-Fitr:**

All home children celebrated Eid with team members on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, wherein children were explained about why this festival is celebrated and the importance of fasting. Eid special dish Laccha Sewai was prepared for the children and they liked it very much. Special food was also prepared for them.



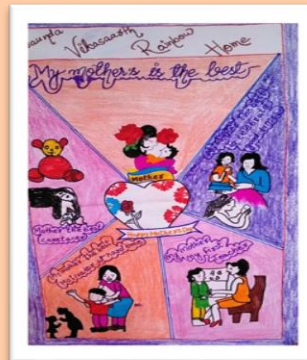
### **Science Day:**

On 28<sup>th</sup> February, children celebrated Science Day with Asha Ma'am. She is a Science Teacher of Gardanibagh high School. She gifted books to children. On this day, Ma'am demonstrated some science experiment to children and motivated to inculcate scientific temper among them.



### **Mother's Day:**

Children celebrated Mother's Day on 8<sup>th</sup> May. On this day children made painting and shared their views of Mother's Day through speeches. The children were reminded of the qualities and contribution of mothers in everyone's life. Also, the reasons why she should be respected and loved.



### Engagement with Parents/ Guardian:

On 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021, a parents' meeting was held in the home in which topics related to health, education, and safety of children were discussed. Home team shared the activities being performed in the home and the thought behind each activity. Parents accepted that children are doing well in studies since they are staying here in the home because opportunities to study from different sources are created. Parents were pleased to mention that children have been provided digital gadgets such as tablet, laptop, desktop etc. to pursue their studies during lock down also later. Parents opined that it is matter of great pleasure that complete attention is being given to the study here. They mentioned that our children were not able to concentrate so much at home but here they have facilities for everything. They will definitely come out of poverty and lead a beautiful life in the future. This meeting is scheduled on 20<sup>th</sup> of every month.

### Staff Status:

At present there are 11 care providers known as *Snehsaathi* (affectionate companion) in Rainbow Homes. Below is the current list of members with their roles and responsibilities.

Sunita Singh (Project In-charge), Ranju Kumari (Home Co-ordinator), Deepa Sinha (Documentation In-charge), Rajni Kumari (Education Co-ordinator), Shaziya Shamim (Social Mobilizer), Amrita Kumari (Home Manager-1), Priyanka Kumari (Home Manager -2), Sindhu Kumari (Hygiene Mother), Vimla Kumari (Grooming Mother), Shanti Devi (Cook), Chandni Kumari (Security Guard).

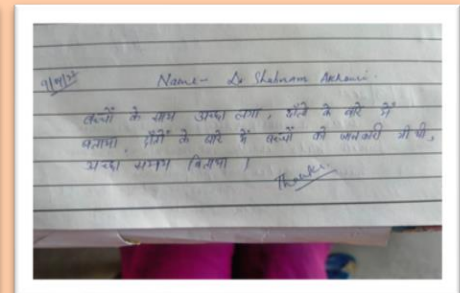
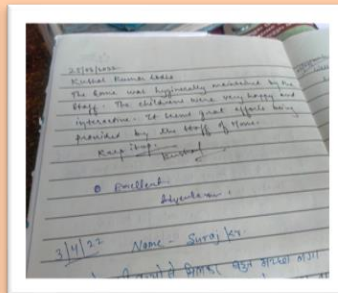
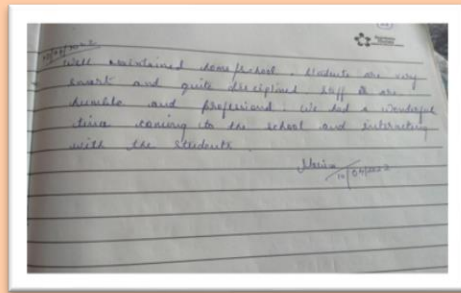
### Team Training:

During the reporting period, trainings have been conducted on following topics

1. 10.12.2021: Induction training by Shailesh Singh
2. 06-01-2022: Reward Chart by Sunita Kumari Sinha (TOT)
3. 10.02.2022: Nutrition by Sunita Kumari Sinha (TOT)
4. 07.03.2022: Good touch Bad touch by Sunita Kumari Sinha (TOT)
5. 05.05.2022: Child Protection Policy online training by Preeti Mathew and Satya Pillai from RHP National office (KDCC)

## Visitors:

During this reporting period many people visited the Home. Some of their views are copied below.



## Local Contributions

A Pizza party was offered to the Home children by Mr. Razi Anwar, Manager of Hotel Patliputra Continental, Anisabad. This came as a local contribution for the Home.



Apart from these few other prominent donors were;

- ❖ Captain Deepak donated Lunch to the children on his wedding anniversary.
- ❖ Purnima ji from Civil Society distributed snacks among children on her birthday.

## Team Member Sharing

Shanti Devi, The Home Mother says, "I cook food for the children in the Home in which always keep track of hygiene and nutrition. At times some hurdles do come on the way, which I overcome with support from team members.

Ranju Kumari, the Home Manager Coordinator reveals that as the children in the Home are growing so is their need of education. Hence, we have to work hard for searching sources of support that can help the children in their studies. Sometimes we have to take hard decisions in view of better future of the students,

which may not be liked by children but with support from home managers, children's and parents and team members the issues are addressed.

***“The highest education is that which does not merely give us information but makes our life in harmony with all existence”- Rabindranath Tagore***